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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Kenneth Ernst, President Tang Realty 1703 E. Second Street P.O. Box 190 Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Re: Tang Realty/Chemsol Superfund Site Piscataway Township

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is in receipt of a letter dated August 7, 1990 from David E. Hassrick of Harding Lawson Associates. The August 7, 1990 letter proposes a revised schedule to complete various components of the site investigation and cleanup at the Tang/Chemsol site. The proposed schedule contains significant extensions of the schedule presented in a previous letter dated March 8, 1990, also from Mr. Hassrick, and no justification for the extensions have been presented.

The Department has informed Tang Realty numerous times that failure to meet project schedules would result in the Department removing Tang Realty from the project. This point was again stressed by the Department in a meeting on February 23, 1990. Additionally, the Department has informed Tang Realty that failure to conduct work in a manner acceptable to the Department would also result in the Department removing Tang Realty from the project. The record over the past six (6) years shows that Tang Realty has failed to: 1) meet project schedules; 2) prepare technically adequate deliverables; 3) submit analytical results as directed by the Department; and 4) notify the Department prior to conducting field activities.

Based on the above, the Department has determined that Tang Realty must be removed from the project and that all responsibilities concerning the investigation and remediation of the Tang/Chemsol Superfund Site be

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transferred to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Department cannot tolerate additional delays caused by the actions of Tang Realty. The timely investigation and cleanup of the Tang/ Chemsol site is a top priority for the Department and, based on Tang Realty's past record, the Department can no longer rely on Tang Realty to complete this task.

In the near future, the United States Environmental Protection Agency will be contacting you with additional instructions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Hart Acting Assistant Director Responsible Party Cleanup Element

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